



Testimony to the Housing Committee

Submitted by Mag Morelli, President, LeadingAge Connecticut

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In Opposition to

Senate Bill 943, An Act Concerning the Return of Security Deposits Upon the Termination of Tenancy

LeadingAge Connecticut is a statewide membership association representing not-for-profit provider organizations serving older adults across the continuum of aging services, including several not-for-profit senior housing communities. On behalf of our membership, we would like to voice our objection to the proposal put forth in Senate Bill 943 to require the return of security deposits not later than ten days after the termination of tenancy, rather than the current requirement of not later than thirty days.

We oppose this proposal because ten days is not a sufficient length of time for a landlord to inspect the vacated premises, assess the cost of any damages, calculate the subsequent amount owed back to the former tenant, and then process the check for payment in the amount owed. Without knowledge of any pressing reason for the reduction in the permitted period, we must object to this proposed modification which would be extremely burdensome to landlords. The current thirty-day requirement is a fair and reasonable period for the return of the security deposit, and we ask that it not be reduced.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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